



College Students:

Are you protected against . . .

Meningococcal Disease?

Meningococcal disease is a serious and potentially deadly infection caused by bacteria. Often times, its symptoms resemble that of the flu, but the disease progresses rapidly and can cause death within two days.

College students living in dorms have an increased risk of becoming infected with meningococcal disease.

HPV?

There is a vaccine available to prevent cervical cancer and genital warts caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV). HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the United States. At least 50% of sexually active people will get HPV at some time in their lives.

Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis? (Tdap)

Tetanus, also known as lockjaw, is a serious disease that causes painful tightening of the muscles, usually all over the body.

Diphtheria causes a thick covering in the back of the throat. It can lead to breathing problems, paralysis, heart failure and even death.

Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, is a highly contagious respiratory tract infection.

College students have an increased risk of becoming infected with these diseases. Ask your medical provider about getting vaccinated today!

For more information visit **www.immunize.nc.gov** or call the NC Immunization Branch at **(919) 707-5550**.